

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 11,449

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served July 1, 2008

Application of VGA, INCORPORATED,)
for Expansive Amendment of)
Certificate of Authority No. 445) Case No. AP-2008-078

By application accepted for filing April 10, 2008, applicant, a Maryland corporation, requests removal of the 15-passenger seating capacity restriction in Certificate of Authority No. 445. The application is unopposed.

The certificate of good standing accompanying the application reveals that applicant has changed its legal name from VGA, Incorporated to VGA, Inc.

Under Article XI, Section 10(b), of the Compact, the Commission may amend a certificate of authority upon application by the holder. A carrier seeking expanded operating authority must show that it is fit and that the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.¹

Applicant proposes adding five 25-passenger minibuses and three 52-passenger motorcoaches to its fleet. Applicant proposes operating under a tariff containing individual and/or group sightseeing rates, rates for private pay ambulatory/wheelchair transportation, and rates for transportation under contracts with government agencies and private entities.

Applicant verifies that: (1) applicant owns or leases, or has the means to acquire through ownership or lease, one or more motor vehicles meeting the Commission's safety requirements and suitable for the transportation proposed in this application; (2) applicant owns, or has the means to acquire, a motor vehicle liability insurance policy that provides the minimum amount of coverage required by Commission regulations; and (3) applicant has access to, is familiar with and will comply with the Compact, the Commission's rules, regulations and orders, and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations as they pertain to transportation of passengers for hire.

Based on the evidence in this record, the Commission finds that the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest and that applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed transportation properly, conform to the provisions of the Compact, and conform to the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Commission.

¹ In re L.J. Express, Inc., No. AP-04-116, Order No. 8276 (Sept. 20, 2004).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That upon applicant's timely compliance with the requirements of this order, Certificate of Authority No. 445 shall be reissued, as amended consistent with this order, to VGA, Inc., 10830 Guilford Road, #303, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

2. That applicant may not transport passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District pursuant to this order unless and until Certificate No. 445 has been reissued in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

3. That applicant is hereby directed to present its revenue vehicle(s) for inspection and file the following documents within the 180-day maximum permitted in Commission Regulation No. 66: (a) evidence of insurance pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 58; (b) an original and four copies of a tariff or tariffs in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 55; (c) a vehicle list stating the year, make, model, serial number, fleet number, license plate number (with jurisdiction) and seating capacity of each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; (d) a copy of the for-hire vehicle registration card, and a lease as required by Commission Regulation No. 62 if applicant is not the registered owner, for each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; and (e) proof of current safety inspection of said vehicle(s) by or on behalf of the United States Department of Transportation, the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Virginia.

4. That the approval of amendment herein shall be void and the application shall stand denied upon applicant's failure to timely satisfy the conditions of issuance prescribed herein.

FOR THE COMMISSION



William S. Morrow, Jr.
Executive Director